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SUBJECT: DIGGS AND WHALEN VISIT TO MALI

1. CONGRESSMAN CHARLES C DIGGS, JR., CHAIRMAN, CONGRESSMAN CHARLES W WHALEN, JR., AND STEPHEN J SOLARZ, MEMBERS; AND DR HERSCHELLE CHALLENGER AND THOMAS POPOVICH, STAFF CONSULTANTS, HIRC SUBCOMMITTEE ON AFRICA, VISITED MALI FROM APRIL 12 TO 14, 1977.

2. APRIL 12 WAS SPENT IN BAMA KO. IN MORNING CODEL HAD EMBASSY BRIEFING, MET WITH REPRESENTATIVES PEACE CORPS VOLUNTEERS, AND HAD WORKING LUNCH AT RESIDENCE WITH HEADS OF UNDP, WORLD BANK GROUP, CARE, AFRICARE, FOSTER PARENTS, AND SENIOR STATE, AID, USIS, AND PEACE CORPS STAFF. IN AFTERNOON CODEL CALLED ON THE ACTING CHIEF OF STATE, LIEUTENANT COLONEL FILIFING
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SISSOKO, PERMANENT SECRETARY OF MILITARY COMMITTEE OF NATIONAL LIBERATION (BOTH PRESIDENT AND VICE PRESIDENT BEING OUT OF TOWN); THE FOREIGN MINISTER, COLONEL CHARLES SAMBA CISSOKHO; AND THE MINISTER OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT, SORY COULIBALY. CONVERSATIONS WITH MALIAN OFFICIALS BEING REPORTED THREE SEPTELS. MINISTER OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT WAS HOST AT DINNER THAT EVENING HIGHLIGHTED BY REGIONAL BAMA KO DANCE TROUPE, AT WHICH MINISTERS

OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AND NATIONAL EDUCATION WERE ALSO PRESENT.

3. MORNING APRIL 13 CODEL, ACCOMPANIED BY AMBASSADOR, CDO, AND PROJECT MANAGER, FLEW BY CHARTERED AIRCRAFT TO MOPTI, WHERE THEY VISITED USAID-FINANCED SCHOOL AND VEGETABLE GARDENS AND MALI GOVERNMENT REGIONAL HOSPITAL. IN AFTERNOON GROUP FLEW ON TO TIMBUKTU, AGAIN VISITING USAID-FINANCED SCHOOLS, CANAL FROM KAHRA PORT ON NIGER RIVER TO TIMBUKTU, AND LARGE ARTESIAN WELL. EVENING BEGAN WITH ROAST LAMB DINNER ON THE SAHARA DUNES OUTSIDE TIMBUKTU, DURING WHICH CONGRESSMAN DIGGS AND SOLARZ HAD UNHURRIED EXCHANGE OF VIEWS WITH COMMANDANT DE CERCLE, MAYOR, AND OTHER SENIOR REGIONAL OFFICIALS. EVENING ENDED WITH RARE SHHNRAI DANCE AFFAIR (THE TACAMBA) BACK IN TIMBUKTU TOWN, IN WHICH CONGRESSMAN DIGGS SHOWED CONSIDERABLE DANCING SKILL.

4. EARLY MORNING APRIL 14 CODEL FLEW FROM TIMBUKTU TO GAO, WHERE GROUP PROCEEDED BY LANDROVER TO VILLAGE OF TACHARANE, ONE OF SITES OF USAID-FINANCED ACTION RIZ-SORGHO. GROUP DROVE OVER MOST OF 1,500 HECTARE PROJECT ON DRY NIGER RIVER BED TO SEE RICE AND SORGHUM BEING GROWN IN RIVER'S RESIDUAL MOISTURE.

5. FROM GAO CODEL FLEW TO NIAMEY, ARRIVING EARLY AFTERNOON APRIL 14.

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